

Rebalancing Workgroup MFP and BIP  
October 4, 2016  
12-2 PM  
DHMH, Room L-3

Introductions: In- Person & Phone

**Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Updates**

- I. FFP Time Study Data (Slide Show attachment)
- II. No Wrong Door (NWD) Technical Assistance Grant (Jennifer Eastman)
  - a. MDOA was one of 8 states throughout the country that was recently awarded a 2-year grant from ACL, CMS, and VHA to continue to develop its high performing NWD System.
  - b. In addition to pilot testing the federal "NWD System Management Tool" and providing feedback on the person-centered counseling training initiative, efforts under this funding opportunity will be focused on integrating the work of the state's technology assistance program within the NWD framework.
  - c. MDOA is partnering with MDOD and MD Technology Assistance Program to increase MAP staff's knowledge of and competency in assistive technology (AT), increase consumer awareness of AT supports and resources, streamline access to used AT products through a virtual exchange of providers, and identify impact of AT usage through data collection methods.
  - d. A formal presentation will be provided by MDTAP staff at the December stakeholder meeting.
- III. Waiver Registry Screen ( Ernest Le)
  - a. Letters have been sent out to 3,000 people on the Waiver Registry and we are working on mail to go out to the next 2,000.
  - b. Between MAP staff and the Schaefer Center, 3,777 participants on the Waiver Registry have received the Level One Screen.
  - c. 2,030 nursing home residents who were on the Waiver Registry have now received letters explaining MFP and OC to them. SNF applicants will be deactivated from registry which is a manual process
  - d. From 33,000 participants, the waiver registry has now been reduced to 25,029. It will fall further when the nursing home residents are removed from the registry.

Q: How are the 2,030 residents being notified?

A: Sending a letter to resident their representative

Q: Do you send the SNF residents the letter at facility or home address?

A: At the SNF and the home address of representative

IV. BIP Updates (Rebecca Oliver)

- a. CMS approved Maryland's FY 17 & FY 18 updated budget with new initiatives.

Some new initiatives approved were:

1. Hospital project- To create partnerships with MAP, LHDs and Hospitals to help MA participants transition home and avoid new hospitalizations and LTC stays. MDoA plans to send out the grant applications this week.
2. CIL Sec 811 Project- Grants to CILs for Sec 811 case management. We are working with MDoA on grant application materials.
3. Tech for MAPs approved- Grants to MAPs for technology to assist with Level 1 Screens and home visits. We are working with MDoA on grant application materials. Mostly for MAP sites who haven't received funding in the past

Q: Do you know which hospitals are in line for the grants?

A: Not as of yet but this creates a great opportunity to build partnerships with local hospitals.

**Money Follows the Person (MFP) Updates**

IV. General Updates (Jennifer Miles & Susan Panek)

- a. Operational Protocol

1. MFP has been tasked with updating the Operational Protocol (OP) for the remainder of the demonstration. The OP was submitted to CMS in September and we are currently waiting for approval.

- b. Staff Update

1. MFP Project Director will be Jennifer Miles as of October 12, 2016.

Contractual Position: Transitions Coordinator

- a. Paperwork was submitted on Monday to start the process of hiring for this position.
2. Amy Logsdon is out of the office on medical leave until further notice. If you have any questions regarding Behavioral Health, please feel free to send your email to [Jennifer.Miles@maryland.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Miles@maryland.gov).

Q: Will the Associate Project Director position be contractual?

A: The position will not be a contractual position.

3. Options Counseling Glitch- FEI is working to fix this issue. AAA's were asked to send the ID numbers for individual that have been referred for options counseling, but have a community address to Jennifer Miles [Jennifer.miles@maryland.gov](mailto:Jennifer.miles@maryland.gov) or Ericka L. Powell [Erickal.powell@maryland.gov](mailto:Erickal.powell@maryland.gov). Once the issue has been resolved, staff members from MDOA and DHMH will work to clear the incorrect options counseling referrals from each AAA's list.

V. Housing Updates (Rebecca Raggio)

a. DHMH Activities

- i. Rebecca Raggio and Maxine Arena are providing overviews of the affordable housing programs (Section 811 PRA, MFP Bridge Subsidy, and Weinberg Apartments) to support planning agencies and coordinators for community services and Housing 101 presentations. Contact Rebecca at [rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov](mailto:rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov) or call 410-767-4948 to schedule training.
  1. An overview of the affordable housing programs was presented to Optimum Health 8/24/16, and Housing 101 was presented to Independence Now on 9/27/16.
  2. Rebecca gave a housing presentation at People on the Go Conference on 9/10/16.
- ii. Rebecca and Maxine have been providing technical assistance to support planners who are assisting individual's referred to the MFP Bridge Subsidy program.

b. Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH)

- i. The Advisory Group (made up of representatives from DHMH, DHCD, MDOD, DDA, BHA, and the CIL network) continues to meet regularly to discuss development and implementation of housing programs such as Weinberg Units, 811 PRA, and MFP Bridge.
- ii. The Case Management Subcommittee continues to have property-specific monthly calls for case managers assisting Section 811 applicants and tenants. The subcommittee meets quarterly in-person to provide housing program updates and is open to representatives from cross-disability case management agencies. **Next meeting: 10/13/16 1:30-3:30 pm at MCDD, 7000 Tudsbury Rd, Windsor Mill, MD** Confirm date because during the verbal update "next friday" was given as the date and that date is 10/14/16
- iii. DHCD and MPAH are sponsoring a Fair Housing and Landlord Tenant Matters Training presented by BNI on **October 11, 2016 9:30-3:15 pm at The Meeting House, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045.**

c. HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration

- i. Maryland received two funding awards from HUD for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration to provide project-based rental assistance to people with disabilities who are low-income, Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and 61.
  1. Identified projects:
    - a. Harford County- Riverwoods at Tollgate- 13 units- **Leased**
    - b. Anne Arundel County- Berger Square- 8 units – **Leased**
    - c. Baltimore City- Warwick Apartments- 12 units
    - d. Baltimore County-
      - i. Red Run Station- 11 units
      - ii. Preserve at Red Run- 13 units
      - iii. Merritt Station- 11 units
    - e. Frederick City
      - i. Sinclair Way- 11 units- Under construction, **referrals anticipated October 2016**

- ii. 520 N. Market St.- 5 units
- f. Montgomery County - Woodfield Commons- 13 units
- g. Prince George's County
  - i. Bladensburg Commons- 15 units- Under construction, **referrals anticipated October 2017**
  - ii. Brinkley Hill- 5 units - Under construction, **referrals anticipated October 2017**
- h. Talbot County - Galloway Meadows- 4 units
- i. Wicomico County- Homes at Johnson Pond- 4 units

d. Weinberg Apartments

- i. The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation awarded Maryland a new \$2 million grant to fund additional Weinberg apartments across the state. The grant is expected to create an additional 10 to 15 units of deeply affordable apartments for people with disabilities between ages 18-61 with income between 10-30% of the area median income.

e. MFP Bridge Subsidy

- i. The MFP Bridge Subsidy registry is open and referrals are underway. MFP Bridge Subsidy will be offered throughout Maryland for MFP eligible individuals transitioning from qualified institutions or individuals in the Brain Injury Waiver who are transitioning from ALUs. Eligible applicants must be 18 and older with a maximum household income of \$15,000.
- ii. The Bridge Subsidy will be tenant-based, similar to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The Bridge Subsidy will provide rental assistance for up to 3 years. Individuals will transition to HCVs after that period with the exception of Montgomery County, which will offer project-based units. The program is projected to assist 87 individuals.
- iii. Applicants selected for the program will locate a unit that suits their needs and has rent within the program guidelines.
- iv. Individuals will pay 30% of their income for rent and utilities.
- v. The MFP Bridge Subsidy is gradually rolling out to participating jurisdictions:
  - 1. Currently referring to Carroll County (5 commitments), Prince George's County (5 commitments), DHCD (18 commitments, Western MD and Eastern Shore), Baltimore City (15 commitments), Harford County (5 commitments), Anne Arundel County (7 commitments), Hagerstown (5 commitments), and St. Mary's County (5 commitments), and Easton (5 commitments).
  - 2. Referrals for Howard County (5 commitments) will start in October 2016.
  - 3. Referrals TBA for Baltimore County (10 commitments) and Montgomery (10 project-based units). -Possibly opening this fall

-Looking for more referrals in Carroll Co, DHCDs (Eastern and Western) and Harford Co.

VI. Transitions (Jennifer Miles)

- a. Since the beginning of the program in 2008, MFP has transitioned a total of 2592 individuals
- b. Benchmark for CY 2016 (January- December) is 300 transitions
- c. As of September 27, 2016, we have transitioned 159 individuals (7 additional individuals will be added once their codes have been updated in MMIS)
- d. By December 31, 2016, we need to transition a total of **141** individuals within the next 79 days

**\*\*Please remember to update MFP Questionnaires.**

Q: Would the SNF applicants being removed from the registry (2,030) make a difference in the transitions?

A: A meeting will be scheduled regarding the 2,030 SNF applicants path towards transition

Q: What are the incentives for SNF staff to corporate in transitions?

A: Acuity is now a concern in SNFs and SNFs are now more than ever interested in transitioning residents because their facility is now measured by an overall RUG score. SNFs are more willing to work with residents, especially if the resident is more independent than what is described on the MDS.

**\*\*Concern over SNFs forcing residents into ALFs when that resident is not ready to transition.**

We have to make sure cognitively impaired residents are being advocated for because ALFs will not be a safe discharge.

**\*\*Housing is a concern so transition into ALFs becomes more frequent and education on housing options will provide more resources. Please send IDs to Maxine Arena**

**[Maxine.arena@maryland.gov](mailto:Maxine.arena@maryland.gov) and Rebecca Raggio [Rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov](mailto:Rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov) for further housing assistance. Housing assistance is available beyond MFPs 3 housing programs.**

V. Other Business

1. Older Adult Behavioral Health PASRR Specialist. We will provide information to CMS regarding this initiative once all of the details have been discussed. A meeting will be scheduled with BHA to set expectations for the roles of the Behavioral Health PASRR specialist. Overall, the goal is to have five specialists that cover 4 regions of the state plus Baltimore City to facilitate appropriate behavioral health screenings and to assist with specific behavioral health service recommendations and planning for individuals transitioning from nursing facilities to the community.

2. Nursing facility Diversion Plan - Preventing admittance back into nursing facilities Harford and Worcester Co has experience in this program. These counties will be included in the proposed 10 counties who will be participating in the program.

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 13, 2016** from 12-2 in room L-3*